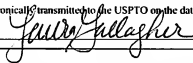


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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 25, 2008, in the above-identified United States Patent Application. Filed herewith is a petition and fee for a two month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 25, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Also filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.